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The following items were adopted at the November 18, 1999, Commission meeting and released later that day.

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## NEWS RELEASES

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FCC PROPOSES MAJOR MARKET TV BROADCASTERS AND PROGRAM DISTRIBUTORS INTRODUCE VIDEO DESCRIPTION FOR PERSONS WITH VISUAL DISABILITIES. The FCC proposed that commercial television broadcasters in the top 25 television markets, and largest national video programming distributors, introduce video descriptions in their transmissions to allow Americans with visual disabilities to better follow the visual action in television programs. by NPRM. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: November 18, 1999. Dkt No.: MM-99-339. (FCC No. 99-353) News Media Contact: David Fiske (202) 418-0500. MMB Contact: Eric Bash at (202) 418-2130, TTY: (202) 418-1169. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass Media/News Releases/1999/nrmm9028.html>

FCC ISSUES GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT. The FCC issued a Policy Statement outlining guiding principles for spectrum management activities as we enter the new millennium.. Report No: ET-99-6. by Policy Statement. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: November 18, 1999. (FCC No. 99-354) News Media Contact: Audrey Spivack (202) 418-0654. OET Contact: Alan Stillwell: (202) 418-2925. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering Technology/News Releases/1999/nret9007.doc>

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The following items are dated for and released on November 19, 1999:

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## NEWS RELEASES

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FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS. OPA. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/calendar.html>

FCC FILINGS. OPA. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Filings/fi991119.html>

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Released: November 19, 1999. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG. Public Reference Log: 11/18/99. Contact: Public Reference Room: (202) 418-0270. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt111899.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt111899.pdf)

Report No: 2373. Released: November 19, 1999. CONSUMER INFORMATION BUREAU - REFERENCE INFORMATION CENTER PETITION FOR RULEMAKING FILED. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Consumer\\_Information/Public\\_Notices/1999/pnci9001.doc](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Consumer_Information/Public_Notices/1999/pnci9001.doc)

Report No: 1254. Released: November 19, 1999. CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE REGISTRATIONS; SPECIAL RELIEF AND SHOW CAUSE PETITIONS. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Public\\_Notices/1999/pncb9013.doc](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Public_Notices/1999/pncb9013.doc)

Report No: 325-00012. Released: November 19, 1999. PERMIT TO DELIVER PROGRAMS TO FOREIGN BROADCAST STATIONS RE: APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING. Contact: Tom Albers at (202) 418-2145, TTY: (202) 418-2555, email: tablers@fcc.gov. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public\\_Notices/1999/pnin9233.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1999/pnin9233.pdf)

Report No: TEL-00160S. Released: November 19, 1999. STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS (47 C.F.R. SECTION 63.18); CABLE LANDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS (47 C.F.R. SECTION 1.767) REQUESTS TO AUTHORIZE SWITCHED SERVICES OVER PRIVATE LINES (47 C.F.R. SECTION 63.16); SECTION 310(B)(4) REQUESTS. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public\\_Notices/1999/pnin9234.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1999/pnin9234.pdf)

Report No: 138. Released: November 19, 1999. INSTRUCTIONAL TV FIXED SERVICE ACTIONS.

Report No: 174. Released: November 19, 1999. INSTRUCTIONAL TV FIXED SERVICE APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS TENDERED FOR FILING.

Report No: 44616. Released: November 19, 1999. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/Brdcst\\_Actions/ac991119.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac991119.txt)

Report No: 24616. Released: November 19, 1999. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/Brdcst\\_Applications/ap991119.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap991119.txt)

Report No: 369. Released: November 19, 1999. MASS MEDIA BUREAU CALL SIGN ACTIONS. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/Call\\_Sign\\_Changes/pnmm9278.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Call_Sign_Changes/pnmm9278.html)

Released: November 19, 1999. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS.(1 of 3). Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public\\_Notices/Exparte/1999/ex991119.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/Exparte/1999/ex991119.html)

Released: November 19, 1999. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS.(2 of 3). Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public\\_Notices/Exparte/1999/ex991119.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/Exparte/1999/ex991119.html)

Released: November 19, 1999. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS.(3 of 3). Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public\\_Notices/Exparte/1999/ex991119.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/Exparte/1999/ex991119.html)

Report No: CWS-00-13. Released: November 19, 1999. ANTENNA STRUCTURE REGISTRATION SERVICE INFORMATION. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1999/pnw19299.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/pnw19299.pdf)

Released: November 19, 1999. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ESTABLISHES PLEADING CYCLE FOR REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AIRCELL SYSTEM. Oppositions to Wavier Request Due: December 2, 1999; Filing Replies to any Oppositions Due:

December 9, 1999. (DA No. 99-2571). Contact: Commercial Wireless Division: Wilbert E. Nixon, Jr. at (202) 418-0620. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1999/da992571.doc](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/da992571.doc)

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## TEXTS

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OPEN VIDEO SYSTEMS. The Commission Amended its rules in accordance with the Fifth Circuit's decision on the implementation of Section 302 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in reference to Open Video Systems. Dkt No.: CS-96-46. Action by the Commission. Adopted: November 9, 1999. by Order on Remand. (FCC No. 99-341). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/fcc99341.wp>

CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, ET AL. V. GEORGIA POWER COMPANY. Terminated the referenced complaint and dismissed the proceeding. Action by Acting Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: November 16, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-2548). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da992548.doc>

COMMCO, L.L.C. Addressed two Applications for Review of previous decisions. Action by the Commission. Adopted: November 15, 1999. by MO&O. (FCC No. 99-347). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/fcc99347.doc>

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT OF PARTS 0, 80 AND 90 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES TO MAKE THE FREQUENCY 156.250 MHZ AVAILABLE FOR PORT OPERATIONS PURPOSES IN LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH, CA PORTS. Proposed to amend Part 80 of the Commission's rules to designate marine VHF Channel 05A for port operations communications in Los Angeles and Long Beach, California ports to foster reliable marine communications and increase safe vessel transit in the ports. Comments Due: January 18, 2000, Reply Comments Due: February 1, 2000. Dkt No.: WT-99-332. Action by the Commission. Adopted: November 15, 1999. by NPRM & Order. (FCC No. 99-348). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Notices/1999/fcc99348.wp>

**ADDENDA: The following items, released November 18, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 221:**

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## NEWS RELEASES

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ACTION TO ACCELERATE AVAILABILITY OF ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS CONSUMERS. "Line Sharing" to Lower Cost and Increase Availability of Broadband Services Used for High Speed Access to the Internet. The FCC adopted rules to promote competition for advanced services, by directing local telephone companies to share their telephone lines with providers of high speed Internet access and other data services. Report No: CC-99-54. by R&O. Adopted: November 18, 1999. Dkt No.: , CC-98-147. (FCC No. 99-355) News Media Contact: Michael Balmoris (202) 418-0253. CCB Contact: Staci Pies, Margaret Egler, Carol Matthey at (202) 481-1580, TTY: (202) 418-2555. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/News\\_Releases/1999/nrcc9092.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1999/nrcc9092.html)

FCC ACTS TO REMOVE BARRIERS IMPEDING ENHANCED WIRELESS 911 SERVICE. The FCC acted to remove impediments to the deployment of enhanced 911 (E911) services for wireless users. Report No: WT-99-32. by 2nd MO&O. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: November 18, 1999. Dkt No.: CC-94-102. (FCC No. 99-352) News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: Wireless Bureau Contact: Barbara Reideler at (202) 418-1300, TTY: (202) 418-7233, email: breidele@fcc.gov. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News\\_Releases/1999/nrw19046.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19046.html)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Released: November 18, 1999. FCC COMMISSIONERS TO JOIN SEN. BYRON DORGAN AND THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AT PUBLIC HEARING ON BRINGING BROADBAND SERVICES TO RURAL AMERICA. (DA No. 99-2567). Contact: Ellen Blackler: (202) 418-0491, email: eblackle@fcc.gov. News Media Contact: Michael Balmoris (202) 418-0253. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1999/da992567.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/da992567.html)

Released: November 18, 1999. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU APPROVES WITHDRAWAL OF INFORMAL REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION. (DA No. 99-2572). Contact: Policy and Rules Branch, Commercial Wireless Division: Michael Samsock at (202) 418-7588. Action by: Chief, Policy and Rules Branch, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1999/da992572.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/da992572.wp)

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## SPEECHES

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STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN WILLIAM KENNARD NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Speeches/Kennard/Statements/stwek967.html>

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CELLCO PARTNERSHIP V. SNET CELLULAR. Terminated formal complaint proceeding against SNET Cellular seeking resolution of a dispute concerning the System Identification Code Number which SNET used in three cellular systems in New England that it purchased from Cellco. Action by Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division, Enforcement Bureau. Adopted: November 18, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-2573). ENF Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Enforcement/Orders/1999/da992573.wp>

AT&T CORPORATION/BELLSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC./MCI WORLDCOM, INC./RSL COM U.S.A./SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P./STAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC./TELEGLOBE USA, INC./TRICOM USA, INC./WORLDXCHANGE COMMUNICATIONS. Granted the Joint Application for Authorization Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to Construct, Acquire, and Operate Capacity in a Digital Submarine Cable Network, the MAYA-1 Cable Network. By Memorandum Opinion, Order and Authorization. Action by Chief, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau. Adopted: November 18, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-2578). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1999/da992578.doc>

AT&T CORPORATION/BELLSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC./MCI WORLDCOM, INC./RSL COM U.S.A./SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P./STAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC./TELEGLOBE USA, INC./TRICOM USA, INC./WORLDXCHANGE COMMUNICATIONS. Granted the Joint Application for a license to land and operate a digital submarine cable system between the United States, the Cayman Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico and Panama, the MAYA-1 Cable Network. By Cable Landing License. Action by Chief, Telecommunications Bureau, International Bureau. Adopted: November 18, 1999. by Cable Landing Lic. (DA No. 99-2579). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1999/da992579.doc>

**IN THE MATTER OF IMPLEMENTATION OF VIDEO DESCRIPTION OF VIDEO PROGRAMMING.**

Proposed to adopt limited requirements to ensure that video description is more available so that all Americans can enjoy the benefits of television. Comments Due: January 24, 2000, Reply Comments Due: February 23, 2000. Dkt No.: MM-99-339. Action by the Commission. Adopted: November 18, 1999. by NPRM. (FCC No. 99-353). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Notices/1999/fcc99353.doc](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1999/fcc99353.doc)

**HENNEPIN COUNTY.** Denied Hennepin's petition, and dismissed the associated application for a Public Safety License Pursuant to Section 337 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Action by Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: November 18, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-2570). WTB

**929 MHZ PAGING LICENSEES.** This erratum corrects the MO&O released November 9, 1999, FCC 99-340. Action by Chief, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. by Erratum. WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/err99340.wp>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.** Denied the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Application for Waiver Request for Use of Certain Public Land Mobile Service Channels. Action by Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: November 18, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-2576). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/da992576.wp>

**JSM TELE-PAGE, INC.** Granted a waiver of the freeze of paging applications subject to certain conditions. Action by Chief, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: November 18, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-2592). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/da992592.doc>

**DUKE POWER COMPANY.** Denied Duke Power's request for primary status for microwave stations filed on June 29, 1998. Action by Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: November 18, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-2574). WTB

**CLEAR PAGING, INC.** Denied the Petition for Reconsideration filed by Clear Paging, Inc. on January 13, 1999. Action by Deputy Chief, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: November 18, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-2577). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/da992577.wp>

**800 MHZ SPECIALIZED MOBILE RADIO LICENSEES.** This erratum corrects the MO&O released November 9, 1999, FCC 99-339. Action by Chief, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. by Order. WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/err99339.wp>